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Should there be prayer in the public schools?

by Hope Tarantelli

One of the most controversial issues among Americans is the element of prayer in the public school system. President Reagan wants it. Senator Jesse Helms and his moral coalition's campaigns are for it; yet, other people-Rabbi's, Ministers and even school students-are strongly opposed to it. Through interviews and surveys, High Life is trying to present an unbiased

view of the various and candid opinions from both sides of the "prayer coin."

On the side of the coin for school prayer falls Catholic priests, laypeople, and a portion of the Grimsley students. According to a recent High Life survey of ten various homerooms, 29% of the polled student body vowed support of prayer than did the junior class homerooms. Many of these students briefly

elaborated on why they would support prayer in the schools and produced very legitimate answers. One of the most interesting comments was written by a senior who states, "You need the Lord all the time-not only at Church or when you kneel down at night before you go to bed."

Numerous supporters of school prayer believe in voluntary prayer over forced, organized prayer. This idea suggests a mo-

ment of silence whereas students should not be forced to pray; yet, not discriminated against for praying either. Another senior successfully sums up the idea of choice by relaying, "Conditions for school prayer should be set. School prayer should be more like a minute of silence with no prayer being teacher led or imposed. Each individual student should decide for

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New board tackles old problems

by Wilson Winchester and Yvette Cook

The newly elected Greensboro School Board will be faced with some proposals which the former school board adopted, as well as new issues which are inevitably to arise after their official installment on December 3.

Some of the school board members already have conflicting views and opinions concerning the major issues facing the Greensboro Public Schools before their duty begins. Among these are declining enrollment and dealing with the newly annexed section of Greensboro.

The middle school concept has been a controversial issue since it was adopted by the previous school board. After several studies, the former school board found it suitable for the

Greensboro school system. It will be left to the new school board to finalize the decision.

Another major task of this board will be selecting a new superintendant to replace Dr. newbold who is scheduled to retire in 1986. Other issues which may arise are merit pay for teachers and the merger of the three school systems in the county

New school board member, Charles Lambeth, who represents all of Greensboro, states that going to the middle school concept would "destroy the school system."

However, former school board member, Sarah Beale of District 5, believes the middle school concept would be very advantageous for the Greensboro school system and would aid in "setting

high standards for every child."

Eddie Hicks, representative of District 6, supports the previous school board's actions for adopting the middle school concept.

Another major concern for the school system involves the overcrowding in classes, especially in the junior and senior high schools. New board member, Dr. Alma Adams of District 2, would like to see reductions in class sizes. "Students learn better in smaller classes" said Adams. "We need a more comfortable environment for teachers and students."

James T. Williams, another new member representing District 1, is concerned about monetary values in the schools. He says more money is needed to attract new teachers.

The Depot: a year later

by Brian Gay

The Depot is approaching the end of its first year which could easily be summed up as a successful one states Paul Barckley, Supervisor and Manager of the Depot. The Depot, which opened just before Christmas last year, is not exactly the same as it was almost a year ago. Aspects that haven't changed from the beginning are the price (\$2.50) and senior high night is still held on Saturdays.

The Depot can hold a head count of 1500 people because of recent expansion. This expansion includes: "Railway Express," a small dance floor upstairs; and a few smaller, more private rooms which could be called sitting rooms, equipped with televisions. The "Railway Express," mainly plays different

types of music such as beach music for those who like to shag. Other attractions which have been taking place are live bands such as "Sugar Creek" and comedy shows. Bands appear at the Depot approximately two weekends a month done by local talent.

As of late, the crowds haven't been packing into the Depot as they did before the school year. Barckley blames this in part on fall sports. He expects things to pick up during the winter sports season because of fewer participants and fans of winter sports.

The Depot plans to be open everyday during the holiday break with the exception of Christmas Day. An extravaganza is planned for New Years Eve and there is a possibility of prizes to be given away.

Orwell's year in review-1984

by Carrie Milgrim

Nineteen eighty-four-George Orwell's year. Although it didn't evolve as Orwell predicted, there were many exciting aspects about the year.

In this election year, both presidential candidates launched efforts at full force. For the first time in American history, a woman was a vice-presidential running-mate, and the oldest presi-

dent in History was re-elected at age 73.

Russia declined an invitation to the 1984 Summer Olympics hosted by the Americans in Los Angeles, California. These extremely competitive events bore such greats as Mary-Lou Retton, Madame Butterfly, Carl Lewis, and Mary Decker.

Russia, El Salvador, and India had the new leaders of Chernenko, Duarte, and Raji Chandi, while Indira

Ghandi, Andropov, Trudeau lost their positions

Vanessa Williams, Miss America in 1984, was ousted from her position as a result of her explicit photographs published in Penthouse magazine.

In North Carolina, the Senate race between Governor Jim Hunt and incumbent Senator Jesse Helms, proved to be the most expensive race in the United States history. The cost was over 22 million

dollars. Another newsmaker was Hurricane Diana who caused extensive damage to the Eastern coast of North Carolina. And Velma Barfield, charged with the murder of 3 people was executed by lethal injection at the end of 1984. She was the first woman executed in the U.S. in 40 years.

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